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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

AUDITOR,

AND

Superintending School Committee,

OF THE

TOWN OF LITCHFIELD,

For the year ending March 1, 1884.

AUGUSTA:
PRESS OF CHARLES E. NASH.
1884.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF LITCHFIELD :

Your Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor for the municipal year ending March 1, 1884, present the following report, giving the sums received, and from what sources, to meet and pay the payments by the town; also showing for what purposes and to whom payments have been made.

Amount of money tax assessed for 1883, - - \$8891 89

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1883.

State Tax for 1883,	-	-	-	\$1821 14
County Tax for 1883,	-	-	-	663 19
Support of Poor,	-	-	-	850 00
Support of Schools,	-	-	-	1048 00
For repairs of highways,	-	-	-	3000 00
Incidental town expenses,	-	-	-	1000 00
To pay interest on town debt,	-	-	-	250 00
Fractional overlay,	-	-	-	259 56
				<hr/> \$8891 89

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN.

Balance on Selectmen's Book, March 1, 1883,	\$5730 02
Assessed and committed to Collector and	
Treasurer, - - - - -	6407 56
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	\$12,137 58

Resources for State and County Taxes.

Assessed and committed to Collector and State	
Treasurer, - - - - -	\$1821 14
Assessed and committed to Collector and County	
Treasurer, - - - - -	663 19

Resources for Schools.

Balance on Selectmen's Book, March 1, 1883,	\$404 01
Sum raised by town for 1883, - - -	1048 00
State School Fund and mill tax, - - -	610 00
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	\$2062 01
Paid for Support of Schools, - - - -	\$1852 41
School fund undrawn March 1, 1884, - -	209 60
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	\$2062 01

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Sum raised by Town for 1883,	-	\$1000	00
Overlayings,	- - - -	130	16
		<hr/>	\$1130 16

Services of Town Officers as allowed by			
Auditor for municipal year ending			
March 1, 1883,	- - -	\$289	20
Services of Selectmen from March 1 to			
19, 1883,	- - - - -	12	20
J. Gray & Son, plank furnished Buff			
landing and Oxford bridges for year			
1882 and 1883,	- - -	29	78
Eli Merriman, plank and stringers			
furnished Dist No. 7 & 40, 1882,		18	32
Palmer & Co., inventory blanks and			
Surveyor's books,	- - -	5	10
C. E. Nash, for printing Town Reports			
1882, and blanks for 1883,	-	21	85
J. W. Gilbert, for services as Supervisor			
to June 30, 1883,	- - -	25	00
H. A. Fuller, plank furnished Buff			
landing bridge for year 1883,	-	13	22
Robert Campbell and others, labor and			
material on Buff landing bridge			
for 1883,	- - - -	14	25
C. S. Douglass, stringers and labor on			
Oxford bridge for year 1883,	-	4	67
A. D. Bartlett, plank for Plimpton bridge, 3		60	

Amount brought forward,	—————	\$1130 16
Geo. E. Ricker and others, labor on road, Dis't No. 39, - - - -	46	75
M. W. Adams, hauling plank from Richmond, - - - -	2	50
C. B. Foster & Son, plank for Maxwell bridge, - - - -	9	36
Jesse Hatch, plank for Dis't No. 8, -	3	56
Samuel Smith, recording inventory and assessment, - - - -	6	00
I. F. Lapham, hauling plank from Gardiner, - - - -	3	00
Fred J. Sloman and others, building bridge in Dis't No. 31, - -	19	15
James Ricker, stone furnished Dis't No. 1,	5	00
Hamilton Buker, labor on Dis't No. 31,	1	50
S. G. Nutting and others, labor on Dis't No. 3, - - - -	6	25
J. A. Hutchinson, splitting stone, Dis't No. 1, - - - -	3	50
Eli Merriman, commission for collecting taxes for the year 1880, - -	123	46
Samuel Smith, commission for collecting taxes for the year 1881, - -	86	21
Samuel Smith, expenses as Selectman for 1883, - - - -	7	75
E. N. Baker, expenses as Selectman for 1883, - - - -	9	00
C. B. Preble, expenses as Selectman for 1883, - - - -	2	15

Amount brought forward, \$1130 16

Thomas Holmes, plank furnished road,		
Dis't No. 1 & 3, - - -	\$4	43
D. S. Springer, expenses as Treasurer		
for 1883, - - - - -	5	85
Abated in Eli Merriman's tax bills for		
the year 1880, - - - -	28	22
Abated in Samuel Smith's tax bills for		
the year 1881, - - - -	30	01
Abated in Samuel Smith's tax bills for		
the year 1882, - - - -	36	92
	<u>\$877</u>	<u>76</u>
Balance in favor of town,	252	40
	<u>\$1130</u>	<u>16</u>
	\$1130	16

Balance brought forward, \$252 40

Cash paid for overwork on highway,
winter of 1882 and 1883.

Joseph S. Hatch and others, Dis't No. 2,	\$11	42
A. C. Ashford and others,	3,	6 91
Wm. F. Merriman,	4,	23 33
James Bartlett,	4,	6 32
Henry Huntington,	4,	10 09
John G. Rowe,	4,	1 16
E. N. Pinkham,	6,	15 39
Merrill True,	6,	6 59
Jesse T. True,	6,	11 19
Eli Merriman,	7,	10 55

Balance brought forward,

————— \$252 40

Daniel Bartlett,	Dis't No.	8,	4 69
David B. Allen,		9,	8 50
Benj. Bassett,		9,	6 17
John Boldin,		9,	8 00
James T. Gray,		9,	5 00
Arrington Douglas,		11,	20 63
Joseph Woodbury and A. Neal,		11,	21 00
Herman Howard,		11,	12 77
F. O. Sylvester,		12,	10 02
A. C. True,		12,	3 59
Walden Otis,		13,	9 77
A. E. Googins,		13,	6 72
Gardiner Roberts,		13,	6 64
Mark M. Powers,		13,	7 70
I. F. Lapham and others,		14,	13 56
Leander Metcalf,		15,	17 50
William Maxwell,		15,	16 82
H. M. Hunkings,		15,	9 53
Wilson M. Hattin,	15 &	24,	12 49
Frank T. Baley and others,		16,	13 52
Augustus Gowell,		16,	10 10
Henry A. True,		17,	19 08
F. T. Harriman		17,	7 34
Levi Harriman,		17,	15 42
Wm. W. Stevens and J. M. Small,		17,	8 99
C. A. and Emery Metcalf		18,	10 64
Wm. C. Bowley and others,		19,	16 94
B. F. Colby and others,		20,	21 82
A. P. Berry and others,		20,	28 55
Wm. Wyman,		21,	12 24
F. C. Wymán and others,		21,	14 69
Josiah Weymouth and others,		22,	10 26
E. S. Briery,		23,	11 59

Balance brought forward,

————— \$252 40

Wm. T. Buker,	Dis't No.	23,	9 35
H. S. Paine,		23,	8 10
T. D. Paine,		23,	3 58
J. A. Chase,		24,	10 35
John A. Hutchinson,		24,	2 53
M. W. Adams and others,		25,	15 33
Charles Jack and others,		26,	14 00
Wm. H. King & Son,		28,	12 37
Gardiner D. Sloman,		28,	5 28
Daniel Campbell,		29,	9 00
D. S. Springer and J. F. Morrill,		29,	9 75
Josiah Morrill,		29,	6 90
E. P. and J. P. Springer,		30,	17 00
S. G. Nutting,		30,	7 00
Walter C. Knight,		31,	12 47
Wm. H. Dustin,		31,	7 08
Charles T. Hall,		32,	5 06
Wm. H. Dustin,		33,	9 39
C. A. and J. D. Buker,		33,	4 89
A. H. Powers,		33,	5 28
Josiah Sloman,	31 &	33,	6 17
Eben Morrill,		33,	3 84
Dexter W. Danforth,		34,	15 97
William H. Frost,		34,	17 53
F. E. Mitchell,		34,	6 91
Llewellyn Larribee,		34,	5 79
Eugene H. Parker,		34,	18 53
Philip Larribee,		34,	14 07
Sarah M. Varnhum,		34,	4 47
N. J. Libby,		35,	14 67
Geo. Springer and others,		35,	4 74
H. N. Jordan,		35,	5 37
Horace Ridley,		36,	1 33

Balance brought forward, \$252 40

James Ricker,	Dis't No.	37,	4 58	
Geo. E. Ricker,		37,	7 00	
James G. Preble,		37,	6 30	
Sumner Clark,		37,	1 89	
David Godfrey,		38,	8 00	
Isaac T. Turner,		38,	5 00	
John Dunham,	36 &	38,	6 00	
I. Starbird,		39,	6 25	
John G. Baker, in 1880,		40,	6 00	
			\$850 35	\$850 35

Balance against Town, \$597 95

REPAIRS OF HIGHWAYS.

Sum raised by town for repairs of
highways for year 1882, - \$2500 00
Delinquent highway tax from 1881, - 496 86
Overlayings from 1882, - - 43 01
\$3039 87

Money expended in labor for repairs of
highways in the several districts,
for the year 1882-3:

Dis't. No.	1, George W. Earl, and others,	\$82 54
"	2, J. S. Hatch,	" 89 02
"	3, C. H. Higgins,	" 95 94

Amount brought forward, \$3039 87

Dis't No.	4, Wm. F. Merriman, and others,	66 28
"	5, J. W. Tucker,	" 71 46
"	6, E. N. Pinkham,	" 51 59
"	7, Eli Merriman,	" 121 89
"	8, David G. Wilson,	" 37 61
"	9, D. B. Allen,	" 75 66
"	10, Simeon Goodwin,	" 63 02
"	11, Joseph Woodbury,	" 52 56
"	12, F. P. Bickford,	" 84 36
"	13, W. Otis,	" 53 80
"	14, S. Smith,	" 89 09
"	15, Leander Metcalf,	" 54 62
"	16, Frank T. Bailey,	" 65 30
"	17, H. A. True,	" 59 38
"	18, Samuel Williams,	" 75 87
"	19, William Bowley,	" 58 74
"	20, B. F. Colby,	" 155 12
"	21, William Wymam,	" 88 95
"	22, Josiah Weymouth,	" 47 94
"	23, H. L. Paine,	" 73 96
"	24, J. A. Chase,	" 96 49
"	25, M. W. Adams,	" 71 30
"	26, Charles Jack,	" 68 29
"	28, H. P. King,	" 19 60
"	29, J. F. Morrill,	" 49 78
"	30, E. P. Springer,	" 53 09
"	31, Walter C. Knight,	" 9 75
"	32, C. T. Hall,	" 15 19
"	33, William H. Dustin,	" 55 68
"	34, William H. Frost,	" 60 45
"	35, H. W. Jordan,	" 50 24
"	36, George W. Thurlow,	" 26 60

Amount brought forward,	_____	\$3039 87
Dis't No. 37, George E. Ricker, and others,	52 96	
“ 38, David Godfrey,	“ 59 25	
“ 39, James Carvill,	“ 41 86	
“ 40, Fred Babcock,	“ 44 76	
	<u>\$2492 16</u>	
Balance unexpended,	547 71	
	<u>\$3039 87</u>	<u>\$3039 87</u>

Sum raised by town for repairs of highways for 1883,	- -	\$3000 00
Estimated amount of money expended in labor,	- - - -	2200 00

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Sum raised by town for support of poor,	\$850 00
Received for steers sold off Poor Farm,	125 00
“ from E. H. Elliot for support of Mary L. Welch,	- - 24 20
	<u>\$999 20</u>
Paid for one cow,	- - - - 40 00
Repairs on buildings,	- - - - 10 68
Paid for one pump,	- - - - 13 00
“ E. C. Towne, services in haying,	18 50

Amount brought forward,		\$999 20
Paid Cyrus Kindrick for medical attendance on Charles Ridley, winter 1882-83, - - - -	18 00	
“ Cyrus Kindrick for medical attendance on Wm. Danforth, winter 1882-83, - - - -	9 50	
“ George M. Wentworth, burial of William Danforth, - - - -	4 00	
“ Superintendent for services for the year ending January 1, 1884,	232 50	
Supplies furnished Poor Farm to January 1, 1884, - - - -	200 38	
Cost on Poor Farm, - - - -	\$546 56	

Paid for the Support of Poor off the Farm.

Maine State Reform School, for support of Frederick Crawford, to January 1, 1884, - - -	\$52 00
Edith Merrill, support of Mrs. Kendall from November 7th, 1882, to February 7th, 1884, - - -	37 50
Insane Hospital, support of Orrin Danforth to May 26, 1883, - - -	56 89
Insane Hospital, support of Mary L. Welch, - - - - -	24 20
City of Lewiston for supplies furnished Anna Whitten, - - - -	2 72
Mrs. Brown, care of Anna Whitten, -	5 00

Amount brought forward,	—————	\$999 20
Enoch Adams, medical attendance on William C. Gray, - - -	16 50	
Cyrus Bosworth, coffin for William C. Gray, - - - - -	13 00	
David B. Allen, digging grave for Wm. C. Gray, - - - - -	2 00	
Jesse T. True and others, supplies fur- nished William C. Gray, - -	3 14	
I. W. Gilbert, medical attendance on Charles Ridley, . - -	5 25	
Edwards and Flaherty, supplies fur- nished Charles Ridley, 1882, -	8 19	
Cost off Poor Farm, - - - -	\$226 39	
Cost on Poor Farm, - - - -	546 56	
	<u>\$772 95</u>	<u>\$772 95</u>
Balance in favor of town, - - - - -		\$226 25

**Value of Town Farm, Stock and Property thereon, March 1,
1884.**

Value of Town Farm and tools, -	\$2000 00
“ Stock on Town Farm, -	423 00
“ eighteen tons of Hay at \$8, -	144 00
“ provisions, - - - -	110 00
	<u>\$2677 00</u>

Names and Ages of Paupers on Poor Farm.

Mary Nevens,	-	-	-	-	-	aged 81 years.
Julia Tibbetts	-	-	-	-	-	aged 62 years.
Sanford Goodwin,	-	-	-	-	-	aged 59 years.
Benjamin Huntington,	-	-	-	-	-	aged 81 years.
Anna Whitten,	-	-	-	-	-	aged 83 years.
Charles Ridley, to May 20, 1883,	-	-	-	-	-	aged 33 years.

Asa P. Nutting and wife were hired to superintend the Poor Farm, for the year ending April 1, 1884, at two hundred and thirty dollars per year.

RESOURCES FOR TOWN DEBT.

Sum raised by town to pay interest on		
town debt,	- - - -	\$250 00
Money hired to pay on town debt,	-	700 00
	<hr/>	\$950 00
Paid interest and principal on town debt,	-	\$1008 39
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Balance against the town,	- - - -	\$58 39

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount of resources,	-	\$16,485 12
Paid for support of schools,	- \$1852 41	
Incidental town expenses,	- 1728 11	
Paid for support of poor,	- 772 95	
Town debt and interest,	- 1008 39	
State and county taxes,	- 2484 33	
School fund undrawn,	- - 209 60	
Paid for repairs of highways,	2492 16	
Balance on Selectmen's book, March		
1, 1884,	- - - 5937 17	
	—————	\$16,485 12

SAMUEL SMITH,	}	Selectmen
E. N. BAKER,		of
C. B. PREBLE,		Litchfield.



TREASURER'S REPORT.

The following Report shows the amount of money received and paid out during the municipal year ending February 21st, 1884, also a statement of the town debt and the amounts due from the several collectors, etc. :

Cash in Treasury February 22, 1883.	\$197 39
Hired to pay demands against the Town,	700 00
Received from Eli Merriman, Collector for 1880, . - - -	330 73
Received from Samuel Smith, Collector for 1881, - - - -	370 00
Received from Samuel Smith, Collector for 1882, - - - -	1781 00
Received from Samuel Smith, on delin- quent highway tax committed to him in 1881, - - - -	47 89 .
Received from Samuel Smith, on high- way tax of 1882, and delinquent highway of 1881, - - -	2538 15
Received from Stilman H. Ring, Col- lector of 1883, - - -	1320 00
Received from Overseers of the Poor, for oxen sold from Town Farm,	125 00

Received from same, it being money received of Edward Elliot for support of Mrs. Mary L. Welch,	24	20	
Received from State Treasurer, School Fund and Mill Tax,	-	-	545 13
			<u>\$7979 49</u>

Paid out as follows :

For support of schools,	-	-	-	1852	41
For incidentals,	-	-	-	1723	42
For support of poor,	-	-	-	759	95
Town Debt,	-	-	-	1008	39
On highway tax of 1881 and 1882,	-			2492	16
Cash in Treasury, February 21, 1884,				143	16
				<u>\$7979</u>	49

Statement of Town Debt.

Due from C. M. Tibbetts, Collector for 1869,	-	-	-	-	-	12	39
Due from Samuel Smith, Collector for 1881,	-	-	-	-	-	33	14
Due from Samuel Smith, Collector for 1882,	-	-	-	-	-	544	21
Due from Samuel Smith, on highway tax of 1882, and delinquent high- way tax of 1881,	-	-	-	-	-	487	84
Due from Stilman H. Ring, Collector of 1883,	-	-	-	-	-	1958	16

Due from Stilman H. Ring, on highway		
tax of 1883, - - - -	3129 40	
Cash in Treasury, February 21, 1884,	143 16	
	<hr/>	\$6308 30
Outstanding notes and interest on same,	\$2004 00	
Balance in favor of Town, - -	4304 30	
	<hr/>	\$6308 30

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. S. SPRINGER, Treasurer.

LITCHFIELD, February 21, 1884.



AUDITOR'S REPORT.

TO THE CITIZENS OF LITCHFIELD :

Your Auditor of accounts having attended to the duties assigned, respectfully submits the following Report :

I have carefully examined and compared the Books of the Selectmen and Treasurer for the current year, and find them kept in a neat and business-like manner, properly vouched and cast, and they agree.

The Treasurer's accounts show that he had :

Cash on hand February 22d, 1883,	-	-	\$197 39
Received during the year,	-	-	5289 94
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			\$5487 33
He has paid out during the same time,	-	-	5344 17
			<hr/>

Leaving a balance in his hands, February 21st, 1884, \$143 16

I have examined the accounts of the Town Officers for the municipal year, ending February 21st, 1884, and allowed them as follows :

Samuel Smith, in full for services as Selectman,

Assessor and Overseer of the Poor,	-	\$79 75
Elisha N. Baker, for same service,	-	76 50
Chas. B. Preble, "	-	48 00
David S. Springer, Town Treasurer,	-	24 75
Henry Taylor, Supervisor of Schools,	-	50 00
Gardiner Roberts, Jr., Town Clerk,	-	10 82
Wm. S. Snow, Constable,		
Samuel Smith, Town Agent,		
Chas. A. Metcalf, Auditor,	-	2 00

CHAS. A. METCALF, Auditor.

LITCHFIELD, February 21, 1884.

SCHOOL REPORT.

TO THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF LITCHFIELD :

Your Supervisor respectfully submits the following report
of the schools for the year ending March 1, 1884 :

Amount of money raised by the town,	-	\$1048.
Amount of State School Fund	}	
Amount of State Mill Tax	} - -	610.

DISTRICT NO. 1. DR. I. W. GILBERT, Agent.

Summer term—Miss MARY A. BASS, teacher. Whole number attending, 29 ; average number attending, 25 ; length of term, 40 days ; wages of teacher including board, \$5.50 per week.

We have nothing to say except in commendation of this term of school. The love and respect of the scholars for the teacher, with the best methods of instruction, the result could be nothing but satisfactory.*

Scholars not absent: Harry Taylor, Wallace Stewart, Mary Kindrick, Edith Stewart, Grace Higgins, Lena Gilbert, Gertie Lydston, Angie Starbird.

Fall term—Same teacher. Whole number attending, 35; average number attending, 30; length of term, 40 days; wages of teacher, \$5.50 per week.

At the beginning of the term we had sufficient reason to believe that, under the direction of Miss Bass, the school would be a success. She possesses the faculty of imparting thorough and practical knowledge. It is gratifying to note the excellent work done by this teacher and the enthusiasm and interest manifested by the scholars in their studies. Miss Bass is a superior teacher.

Pupils not absent: Chapin Lydston, Wallace Stewart, Mertie Snow, Edith Stewart, Grace M. Higgins, Rose E. Waterman, Inez M. Maxwell, Lena M. Gilbert, Nina G. Perry, Abbie Earle.

Winter term—Same teacher. Whole number attending, 38; average number, 33; length of term, 54 days; wages of teacher, \$7.00 per week.

When a district is so fortunate as to secure the services of a good teacher, it is well to retain such services. The results of Miss Bass' labors during the winter were highly gratifying. This school has had good instruction, and made marked progress during the year.

Scholars not absent: Roscoe Bosworth, Nelson L. Elwell, Wallace W. Stewart, George Waterman, Gertie Lydston, Lena Gilbert, Grace Higgins, Nina Perry, Mertie Snow, Edith Stewart, Angie Starbird, Rose E. Waterman.

DISTRICT NO. 2. DEXTER W. DANFORTH, Agent.

Spring term—FRED E. MITCHELL, teacher. Whole number attending, 17; average number, 14; length of term, 21 days; wages of teacher, \$5.00 per week.

This term of school was too short to be profitable. The teacher seemed to understand the wants of the school, and with a few weeks added, would no doubt have made a good showing.*

Scholars not absent : Frank P. Danforth, Nelson D. Danforth, Ernest Danforth, Fred A. French, Clara A. Danforth, Lena E. Inman.

Winter term—Same teacher. Whole number attending, 14; average number, 10; length of term, 55 days; wages of teacher, \$20.00 per month.

Mr. Mitchell is a fine scholar, and his method of instruction is clear and concise and the school made excellent progress under his care.

DISTRICT NO. 3. H. WALDRON, Agent.

Summer term—Miss M. E. PAINE, teacher. Whole number attending, 16; average number, 12; length of term, 9 weeks; wages of teacher, including board, \$4.25.

With the knowledge of the wants of this school, acquired by teaching it a number of terms, combined with a good faculty of imparting instruction, a successful term of school could only be expected, in which we were not disappointed.*

Scholars not absent : Arthur Waldron, Estelle Fogg, Eleanor Allard.

Winter term—Same teacher. Whole number attending, 18; average number, 15; length of term, 9 weeks; wages of teacher, including board, \$5.90.

Special attention was given this term to reading; the teacher also required the pupils to spell and define the words

of their reading lesson,—an example worthy of imitation. Other branches were made simple and practical. The teacher was interested, and much work was accomplished.

Scholars not absent: Estelle Fogg, Lena Allard.

DISTRICT NO. 4. ALVIN H. HUNTINGTON, Agent.

No summer term.

Winter term—EMLLEN P. SPRINGER, teacher. Whole number attending, 15; average number, 12; length of term, 10 weeks; wages of teacher including board, \$30.00 per month.

At our first visit we found the school orderly, and studious. The desire for study manifested at the beginning, continued through the term, and the school was a profitable one. At the close we were pleased to mark the good progress in each branch of study pursued.

Scholars not absent: Walter E. Springer, Lucy Merrill.

DISTRICT NO. 5. PACKARD, Agent.

Summer term—CARRIE L. HUNTINGTON, teacher. Whole number attending, 10; average, 9; length of term, 40 days; wages of teacher, including board, \$4.60 per week.

This school, though small, has good material, and is rather above the average in scholarship. The teacher is "The right person in the right place," consequently the result was assured from the first,—a good school.*

Scholars not absent: Frank H. Woodbury, Nellie M. Howard, Mertie B. Howard, Carrie A. Howard.

Winter term—Same teacher. Whole number attending, 10; average number, 9; length of term, 60 days; wages of teacher, including board, \$5.25 per week.

At the closing examination, we questioned the classes in each study, and their ready and intelligent answers gave evidence of the thorough drill they had received. Miss Hinton has an easy and pleasant way of governing her school.

Scholars not absent: Edgar P. Neal, Frank H. Woodbury.

DISTRICT NO. 6. JESSE T. TRUE, Agent.

Summer term—FANNIE W. TRUE, teacher. Whole number attending, 22; average number, 18; length of term, 45 days; wages of teacher, including board, \$4.25.

At the examination, we found the order excellent, and pupils manifesting an interest in their work. Questions were readily answered and the general appearance of the school was satisfactory. One class in history is worthy of special mention; also the map drawings on the blackboard.

Scholars not absent: Nera Hall, Cora True, Nathan C. True, Josie K. True, Ned D. True, Harry L. Pinkham.

Fall term—Same teacher. Whole number attending, 22; average number, 18; length of term, 70 days; wages of teacher, including board, \$5.00 per week.

Miss True, during the winter term, fully sustained her reputation as a systematic and thorough teacher.

Scholars not absent: Nathan C. True, Josie K. True, Harry L. Pinkham.

DISTRICT NO. 7. HENRY LUNT, Agent.

Summer term—Miss AUGUSTA H. EDGECOMB, teacher. Whole number attending, 19; average number, 16; length of term, 50 days; wages of teacher, including board, \$5.00 per week.

We wish to assure the district that the agent made a judicious choice when he secured the services of Miss Edgecomb for this school. She is too well known in town as a first class teacher to need any of our commendation. The school was a success in every respect.

Scholars not absent: George N. Buker, Ernest P. Small, Linnie S. Lunt, Alice M. Tibbetts, Mary A. Berry, Mary E. Colby, Rachel E. Hodgkins, Maude L. Peacock, C. Elmer Hodgkins.

Fall term—Same teacher. Whole number attending, 23; average number, 21; length of term, 55 days; wages of teacher, including board, \$6.00 per week.

That district is fortunate whose agent secures Miss Edgecomb as teacher. This is an interesting school, and with Miss E. to lead it, could not fail to be eminently successful.

Scholars not absent: Gracie E. Gatchell, Mary E. Allard, Mabel T. Allard, Rose B. Merrill, Rachel E. Hodgkins, Walter A. Morse, C. Elmer Hodgkins, Ernest T. Small.

DISTRICT NO. 8. JOHN L. ALLEN, Agent.

Spring term—Miss IDA HATCH, teacher. Whole number attending, 6; average number, 5; length of term, 40 days; wages of teacher, including board, \$4.00.

Although this was Miss Hatch's first school her method of instruction awakened an interest among the pupils, which was manifested throughout the term. Advancement in all branches was marked.*

Scholar not absent : Lizzie Douglass.

Fall term—Same teacher. Whole number attending, ; average number, ; length of term, ; wages of teacher, including board, .

It is almost impossible to create a desire for study, and that enthusiasm which is the life of a school, when the school is so small in numbers. The teacher was taken sick, and the term prematurely closed, so no closing visit was made.

DISTRICT NO. 9. FOREST HARRIMAN, Agent.

Summer term—ANNA F. SMITH, teacher. Whole number attending, 13 ; average number, 12 ; length of term, 40 days ; wages of teacher, including board, \$4.10.

This is rather a difficult school for reasons unknown. Whether from the pupils themselves or from past instruction, we know not. The final examination was not all it should have been, not through any fault of the teacher, but from the condition of the school itself. It needs first class teachers to bring it up to the general standard of schools in town.*

Scholars not absent : Gracie Gatchell, Alice Williams, Jennie Newell, Addie Newell, Adelbert Harriman, Eugene Harriman, Herbert Williams, Henry Williams.

Winter term — LILLA ALLARD, of Richmond, teacher. Whole number attending, 14 ; average number, 12 ; length

of term, 8 weeks; wages of teacher, including board \$6.70.

This school was as well organized and classified as could have been expected and there was a good prospect of a successful term.

The notice was not received in time to make a second visit.

Scholars not absent: Ola Newell, Blanche F. Weston, Janie L. Newell, Albert P. Harriman, Eugene Harriman, Henry S. Williams.

DISTRICT NO. 10. DANIEL CAMPBELL, Agent.

Summer term — EMMA ADAMS, teacher. Whole number attending, 23; average number, 18; length of term, 40 days; wages of teacher, \$4.35.

This was Miss Adams' first experience in teaching. We did not make the opening visit, but at the examination the school was very orderly, and from the general appearance, should judge it had made fair progress.

Scholars not absent: Gracie M. Hurd, Jennie A. Jordan, Eddie L. Libbey.

Winter term — HERBERT J. CARVILLE, teacher. Whole number attending, 14; average number, 13; length of term, 10 weeks; wages of teacher including board, \$30.00 per month.

Mr. Carville is a thorough instructor. The scholars knew and acknowledged his abilities, and by diligent and close application, on the part of both teacher and scholars, much work was accomplished. Parents should be fully satisfied with this term of school.

Scholars not absent: Eddie L. Libbey, Harrie L. Rich, Willie E. Rich.

DISTRICT NO. 11. C. B. PREBLE, Agent.

Spring term — DELVINA E. COOMBS, teacher. Whole number attending, 24; average, 21; length of term, 10 weeks; wages of teacher, \$4.00 per week.

We cannot give a full report of the progress of this school, as we made only the closing visit; but the classes appeared well, though the school was noisy, and there was much whispering.

Scholars not absent: Elias Plimpton, Eddie C. Preble, Willie E. Preble, Homer E. Glidden, Harley Bartlett, Stella Glidden, Genie E. Bartlett, Maude C. Bartlett.

Fall term — Same teacher. Whole number attending, 21; average, 19; length of term, 8 weeks; wages of teacher, \$4.00 per week.

During the fall term, Miss Coombs made a decided improvement both in her method of instruction and in discipline. Pupils gave clear analysis in arithmetic, also in grammar; classes in reading, also deserve special mention. The improvement was decidedly marked.

Scholars not absent: Eddie Preble, Harley Bartlett, Willie Preble, Homer Glidden, Maude Bartlett, Edith Glidden, Emma Mitchell, Genia Bartlett.

Winter term — FANNIE TRUE, teacher. Whole number attending, 21; average number, 18; length of term, 50 days; wages of teacher, including board, \$6.00 per week.

At our first visit we found 21 scholars present; we stopped nearly three hours, and saw but one scholar whisper during our

visit; we never saw the school appear better. At our closing visit, only 17 scholars were present. We inquired the meaning of this and were told by the teacher, that the absent ones left school, because they were not willing to meet her requirements. Those present answered their examination questions promptly and intelligently. Parents should be careful not to deprive their children of their educational advantages, without sufficient reason. A studious scholar can learn much even with a poor teacher; while, with the best teacher in the world, an indolent, inattentive pupil, will learn very little.

Scholars not absent: Maude C. Bartlett, Lena Adams, Abbie L. Merriman, Eddie C. Preble, Homer Glidden, Willie E. Preble.

DISTRICT NO. 12. WILLIAM ADAMS, Agent.

No summer term.

Winter term — ROLAND T. TRUE, teacher. Whole number attending, 17; average number, 14; length of term, 10 weeks; wages of teacher .

This school is an interesting one; the scholars are always studious and attentive, study and recitation being but pleasant pastime for the most of them. Classes in arithmetic, algebra, geography and grammar, recited with interest and intelligence. Teacher and scholars labored in unison, with excellent results.

Scholars not absent: Hattie Ashford, Addie Niles, Louise Ashford, Scott W. Hutchinson, Charles Rivers, Daniel Adams, Arthur W. Niles, Ed. Nutting.

DISTRICT NO. 13. BENJAMIN PINCIN, Agent.

Summer term : JOSIE H. VARNEY, teacher. Whole number attending, 9 ; average number, 8 ; length of term six weeks ; wages of teacher, \$3.50.

Miss Varney labored for the interest of the school ; special pains was taken with each branch, and the term was profitable and successful.

Scholars not absent : Gertie Frost, Edith Pincin, Herbert Larrabee, Pearlie Pincin.

Winter Term : JOSIAH BUKER, teacher. Whole number attending, 12 ; average number, 10 ; length of term, 42 days ; wages of teacher, \$26.00 per month.

Mr. Buker has taught this school several terms before. At our first visit the school appeared well. At our closing visit, several of the older scholars were not in attendance, but those present showed that the hours spent in the school-room during the winter had not been misspent. A good degree of advancement had been made.

DISTRICT NO. 14. WM. BUBIER, Agent.

Fall term : H. O. BUKER, teacher. Whole number attending, 19 ; average number, 18 ; length of term, 40 days ; wages of teacher, \$16.95 per month.

Mr. Buker is a teacher of experience and ability. The first of the term, the scholars were inclined to whisper, but we found Mr. B. giving good instruction. At our second visit, we found the whispering entirely exterminated, and the examination proved that the term had been profitable.

Winter term: WILLIS SKILLINGS, teacher. Whole number attending, 22; average, 20; length of term, 11 weeks; wages of teacher, \$15.00 per month.

We examined Mr. Skillings and found him well qualified, so far as education was concerned to take charge of this school. The school appeared well at the commencement of the term. The term was prematurely closed, without legal notice having been given to the supervisor. The teacher tells us that he was requested to close the school by the agent, but as we received no notice, no closing visit was made, therefore we are unable to report the condition of the school at its close.

DISTRICT NO. 15. M. S. H. ROGERS, Agent.

No summer term. Winter term — M. T. NEWTON, teacher. Whole number attending, 16; average number, 12; length of term, 60 days; wages of teacher, including board, \$35.00 per month.

Mr. Newton had taught this school before, and knew just how and where to begin his work. He discharged his duties with credit to himself, and profit to the pupils under his charge. Mr. Newton is an earnest worker in the school-room, and an intelligent and capable teacher. Scholars not absent: Wm. Briery, Katie Nickerson, Mabel Norcross, Nellie Roberts, Lilian Norcross.

REMARKS.

In conclusion we would say that the average attendance of the schools during the past year has been good, we have

had a corps of capable teachers in our employ, and with one or two exceptions, the districts have enjoyed a prosperous year. Agents, however, who employ male teachers to teach our winter terms at \$15.00 per month, must expect cheap schools. To the teachers we would say, get all the general information you can, and impart it to your scholars; be interested in your work, and you can scarcely fail to interest your school; visit other schools whenever you have opportunity; visit all the Teachers' Institutes you can; you will thus gain new ideas of teaching, and by intercourse with other teachers, get that help and encouragement we need so much in this responsible work.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY TAYLOR,

SUPERVISOR.

* Reported by Dr. I. W. Gilbert.
